

Course Outline

COURSE: LAWS 3307 A - Youth and Criminal Law
PREREQUISITES: LAWS 2004 (no longer offered) 2301, 2302
TERM: Fall 2012
CLASS: Day & Time: Tuesday 18:00-21:00
Room: Please check with Carleton Central for current room location.
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Pregnancy obligation: write to me with any requests for academic accommodation during the first two weeks of class, or as soon as possible after the need for accommodation is known to exist. For more details visit the Equity Services website: <http://www2.carleton.ca/equity/>

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COURSE DESCRIPTION AND FORMAT:

This course is a sequel to Laws 2301 and 2302 (Introduction to the Canadian criminal justice system – formerly Laws 2004). The instructor is a practicing criminal defence counsel with over 35 years experience as well as 5 years as a part time Assistant Crown Attorney. The perspective will be broader than these viewpoints alone. The course will deal with the procedural and substantive aspects of the involvement of young people and their families with the criminal justice system including institutions, bail, conduct of a case, and plea bargaining. The course will also deal with related topics including the Charter, sentencing and appeals. The focus will be on the Youth Criminal Justice Act, it's intentions, contents and effects. The roles of the accused, victims, police, defence counsel, Crown attorney, judges, juries, media, politicians and the public will all be examined. Current issues before the Youth Courts, legislatures and the media will also be discussed. Students are encouraged to follow the media reports on current issues dealing with the Youth Court so that they can participate in class discussions.

Reference will be made to the text, specific readings, the Youth Criminal Justice Act, the Criminal Code and case law.

The course will be taught through lectures and discussions and guest lecturers. Students will be encouraged to participate by applying and critiquing the various institutions, concepts, and case law.

A detailed course outline as well as weekly assigned readings will be given on the first day of class.

COURSE READING MATERIALS :**a) Required Text :**

Bala, Nicolas
Youth Criminal Justice Law , 2nd edition (Irwin Law Inc. 2009)

2013 edition of The Criminal Code
Martin's Annotated Criminal Code 2013 (Canada Law Book)
or Tremeeear's Annotated Criminal Code 2013 (Carswell)
or Carswell's pocket edition 2013 is acceptable

b) Supplementary Readings :

A list of readings will be given for those students who may wish to explore certain topics in more detail.

METHOD OF EVALUATION :

The grade in this course will be based on the following :

1. 50 % Essay
2. 50 % Final examination
2 hour examination, multiple-choice, closed book
- to be held during formal exam period at the end of the term

The examination will cover the assigned readings and class lectures.